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The Reply brief filed on 5/10/04 have been carefully considered. It is believed that the appellants' argument have been fully addressed in the rejection, thus no further response is deemed necessary.

The appellants' comment regarding the typographical error in the Status of Claims (paragraph 3 of the Examiner answer) is noted. The typographical error is confirmed and being corrected as follow:

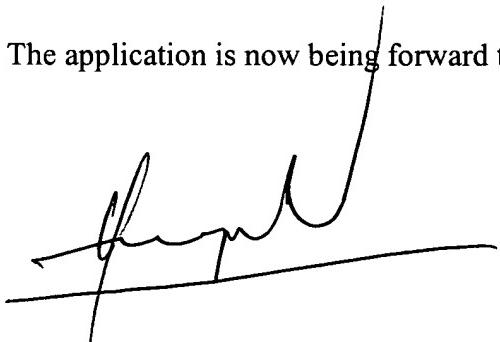
Claims 1, 2, 4-19, 24-30, 32-47, and 52-78 are pending in the application.

Claims 3, 20-23, 31, 48-51 were canceled.

Claims 1, 2, 4-19, 24-30, 32-47, 52-60 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent #5,966,533 (Moody), in view of US patent #5,956,029 (Okada et al). Claims 61-78 are rejected as being unpatentable over US patent #5,966,533 (Moody).

This appeal involves claims 7, 8, 35, and 36.

The application is now being forward to the Board.

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